



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 4, 1998

Mary Catherine Malin, Esquire  
Office of Diplomatic Law and Litigation  
Office of the Legal Advisor  
United States Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

RE: MUR 4583

Dear Ms. Malin:

This follows our telephone conversation. Attached is a letter to be forwarded to the Embassy of India. As before, this letter pertains to an open Commission investigation and may not be made public by any person or entity, so please ensure its continuing confidentiality. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dominique Dillenseger".

Dominique Dillenseger  
Attorney

Attachment



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His Excellency Naresh Chandra  
Ambassador of India  
2107 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008-2811

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

By letter dated November 25, 1996, the U.S. Federal Election Commission notified the Embassy of India and Minister Davendra Singh of its reason to believe findings and explained the procedures for the Embassy and Minister Singh to submit factual or legal materials to the Commission. In subsequent correspondence to the Commission and in diplomatic notes transmitted through the United States Department of State, the Embassy communicated its intent to voluntarily cooperate with the Commission's investigation and to provide information on this matter. By letter dated December 5, 1997, addressed to the Embassy of India and forwarded through the State Department, we requested that the Embassy respond to informal questions and document requests and respond by January 30, 1998. The State Department informed us that the letter had been forwarded to the Embassy and that the Embassy had reported that the Joint Secretary of Indian External Affairs was working on the issue and would reply by the date requested in our letter. To date, we have not heard further from the Embassy.

As stated in our earlier correspondence, we would have liked to resolve this matter informally at an early stage of the enforcement process, however, it has been over a year and a half since the Commission notified the Embassy of its findings and nearly three months past the date the Embassy agreed to respond to our most recent letter. In light of the time which has elapsed and the Embassy's continued lack of response, the Federal Election Commission will proceed to the next stage of its enforcement process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble".

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel